enforced.

Presently "Sports" is converted in State List (entry No. 33, Seventh Schedule of the Constitution of India). In view of the constitutional provisions the Government is not able to enact legislation in this regard.

Age restrictions on shooters to acquire weapons against their arms licence

2373. SHRI DARA SINGH: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India's top international shooters/sportspersons aged 18 years are being asked to wait till they attain the age of 21 years for the purpose of acquiring more than one weapons against their arms licence, particularly in Delhi;

(b) if so, the reasons for imposing above mentioned conditions of 21 years of age when Government consider them eligible to vote for election at the age of 18 years; and

(c) by when, Government propose to amend the Arms Act, 1959 or Rules framed thereunder when no such restrictions of age exists in State like Maharashtra?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI SUNIL DUTT): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Job opportunities for State and National level players

2374. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State and National level players of games other than Hockey and Cricket are given ample job opportunities;

(b) if so, the number of jobs offered *vis-a-vis,* the number of players; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI SUNIL

DUTT): (a) According to Department of Personnel and Training's existing order of the Government, 5% vacancies in Groups 'C' and 'D' posts in Government Ministries/Departments/Establishments are filled up by meritorious sportspersons belonging to following games/disciplines (including Hockey and Cricket), relaxing the recruitment procedure through advertisement in various dailies, from time to time:

1. Archery	14. Equestrian Sports	27. Rifle Shooting
2. Athletics	15. Football	28. Roller Skating
3. Atya-Patya	16. Golf	29. Rowing
4. Badminton	17. Gymnastic	30. Soft Ball
5. Ball-Badminton	18. Handball	31. Squash
6. Basketball	19. Hockey	32. Swimming
7. Billiards and Snooker	20. Judo	33. Table Tennis
	21. Kabaddi	34. Taekwondo
8. Boxing	22. Karate	35. Tenni-koit
9. Bridge	23. Kayaking and Canoeing	36. Tennis
10. Carrom		37. Volleyball
11. Chess	24. Kho-kho	38. Weight lifting
12. Cricket	25. Polo	39. Wrestling
13. Cycling	26. Powerlifting	40. Yatching

(b) This Ministry does not maintain any records of the number of sportspersons given jobs or vacancies filled in various Ministries/ Departments and Government undertakings.

(c) In view of the reply to part (b) above, question does not arise.

National Sports Development Fund

2375. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA:
SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details regarding National Sports Development Fund (NSDF) showing its composition, funds raised and sanctioned by it for sports persons and the grants received by it from Central Government since inception in the year 1998-99;

(b) the names of the sports persons sanctioned advance for training-cum-competition programmes prior to Athens Olympics, 2004; and